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Applicants: **West et al.**

Serial No.: **09/653,406**

Filed: **September 1, 2000**

For:

**Nitric Oxide Producing Hydrogel
Materials**

Art Unit: **1615**

Examiner: **Baron, N.**

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001 please amend the application as indicated below and kindly consider the following remarks. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and \$55 check to cover the fee for a small entity.

In the Claims

Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

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1. A biocompatible, polymerizable, macromer composition comprising a macromer bound to at least one NO carrying region or NO modulating compound, wherein NO or NO modulating compound is released from the macromer composition following polymerization, under physiological conditions, wherein the macromers comprise regions selected from the group consisting of water soluble regions, tissue adhesive regions, and polymerizable end group regions.

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In re: Application of:

Docket No.: 47400-0100 (47400-252658)

Jennifer L. West, et al.

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Title: NITRIC OXIDE-PRODUCING HYDROGEL MATERIALS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- ☒ Response to Office Action (6 pages).
- ☒ Petition for One-Month Extension of Time.
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$55.00 for One-Month Extension of Time.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | | | | | SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY | |
|--|---|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDIT. FEE | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
| TOTAL | 23 | MINUS | 23= | 0 | x | \$0 | x | \$ |
| INDEP. | 4 | MINUS | 4= | 0 | x | \$0 | x | \$ |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | | | + | \$ | + | \$ |
| TOTAL | | | | | | \$0 | \$ | |
| ADDITIONAL FEE | | | | | | \$0 | \$ | |

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-0855. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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